Super Computer from the U.S.A.

306. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position regarding the supply by the U.S. of Super computers to India and by when they are likely to start functioning; and

(b) what are the details of other items under the Technology agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) In October 1987, a generic agreement was concluded for the sale of super computers from the United States to India. Negotiations for the acquisition of a super computer for the Department of Science and Technology and the Indian Meteorological Department are continuing. The process for the acquisition of a super computer for the Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, has been initiated.

(b) The Indo-US Memorandum of Understanding on Technology Transfer covers various items under the US Commodity Control List and the Munitions List whose export from the USA is controlled.

Illegal weapon grade nuclear material for Pakistan from West German company

307. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a)whether it is a fact that the weapon grade nuclear material have been ship-pad illegally to Pakistan by a West German Company recently; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the large scale acquisition of nuclear materials by Pakistan by illegal means?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Our apprehensions (regarding the clandestine procurement by Pakistan for its weapons-oriented nuclear Programme have been conveyed to all concerned. Government will continue to maintain a constant vigil on this as well as other developments having a bring on the country's security.

Pakistan's nuclear plan

308. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that Pakistan's nuclear plan is a major challenge to India and tension as mounting in the Indo-Pakistan border is also another factor which scuttles the hope of normalisation of relations between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether India have made any attempt to improve the relations with Pakistan; and

(c) if so what is the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) Pakistan's nuclear weapon programme and its military build-up do cons-